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1. "The Molotov Artillery Works No. 172 (Artilleriiski Zavod No. 172 Imeni Molotova) in the town of Molotov is actually a combine of the following plants:

Works No. 172 - a gun factory

" " 176 - a factory for shell cases

" 179 - a factory for artillery ammunition

" ? - a factory for artillery apparatus

- 2. "The head manager of the combine is an artillery engineer, Major-General Avram Isaevich Bykhovski. In 1953 the combine had roughly 11,000 workers, employees and engineers.
- 3. "The Molotov Artillery Works specialize in 'corps artillery' (korpusnaia artilleria), producing:
 - (a) Long-range guns of the following calibers 100-mm of the 1944 type 107-mm of the 1941 type 122-mm of the 1931.37 type
 - (b) Howitzers and howitzer-guns of the following types
 152-mm howitzer of the 1943 type
 152-mm howitzer-gun of the 1937 type
- 4. "The total yearly output of the above guns was 6000 in 1952. The potential capacity of the Artillery Works No. 172 is such, however, that the yearly output of the above guns could, if required, be raised to 12,000.
- 5. "At present /Tate 537 50% of the shops of this works manufacture equipment for the naphtha and coal industry of the USSR."

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